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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

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: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT

: Federal Personnel Manual System

Letter No. 736

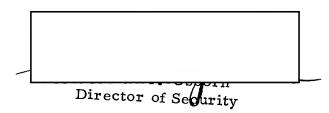
- 1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Executive Director-Comptroller; this action is contained in paragraph 6.
- 2. The Chairman of the Civil Service Commission recently issued uniform minimum criteria under Federal Personnel Manual System Letter No. 736 to be used by all agencies which conduct full field investigations of employees and applicants for appointment to critical-sensitive positions in the competitive service.
- 3. There has been a substantial degree of uniformity in the past, but this is the first time Government-wide standards have been issued. The criteria also includes the use of the polygraph relative to agencies and parts of agencies which have intelligence or counterintelligence missions directly affecting the national security and approaching in sensitivity the mission of CIA.
- 4. Although the Agency has been specifically exempted from the manual, it is the desire of the Agency, as in the past, to follow the Civil Service Commission procedures as closely as possible.

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- 5. We feel that the first step in implementing this policy which is substantially directed against the invasion of privacy is a memorandum, such as the attached, from you to the Director of Security outlining your concern.
- 6. Accordingly, it is recommended that the attached memorandum be approved with your signature.



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CONCURRENCE:

R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director
for Support

Date

The recommendation contained in paragraph 6 is approved.

L. K. White Executive Director-Comptroller

Date

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

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: CIA Investigative and Polygraph

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1. With the publication of Federal Personnel Manual Letter 736, the Chairman, Civil Service Commission, announced a set of Government-wide standards applicable to the conduct of full field investigations and the use of the polygraph in the competitive service and expressed the hope that equivalent standards would be adopted by agencies in the excepted service.

- 2. Your Office is requested to establish written criteria for polygraph and investigations which will ensure an effective personnel security program but still guarantee to the extent possible our applicants and employees the same protection against invasion of privacy as provided members of the competitive service.
- 3. Further you are to ensure that the part of the polygraph program supporting the Clandestine Services guarantees such rights against invasion of privacy as operational considerations may permit.
- 4. Accordingly, I look to you as the officer responsible to undertake a detailed review of the polygraph and investigative programs of the Agency and to revise them where necessary to comply with the spirit of the CSC letter. This is to be followed by the preparation of regulations, directives, or other regulatory material necessary to record Agency policy on each of the topics on which the CSC requires directives in the competitive service.

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5. I shall look to your Office to monitor polygraph operations and investigations to prevent abuses or unwarranted invasions of privacy and to report to me at least once a year on this matter.

L. K. White Executive Director-Comptroller

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